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FOR Farm Family of Week

DATE Fri. May 24, 1957

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TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

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MAILBOX

SLIDE FARM-2
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-3

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SLIDE FARM 4
COWS

SLIDE FARM 5
COWS

MOTHER AND FATHER STARTED INTO THE DAIRY BUSINESS WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED, ALONG WITH PRODUCTION OF COTTON AND CORN. THEY FIRST SOLDX BUTTER, THEN SOUR CREAM AND LATER SWITCHED OVER TO SELLING SWEET MILK AND HAVE BEEN DOING SO EVER SINCE. MR. J.S. TURNAGE FINALLY QUIT RAISING COTTON IN 1941 AND BEGAN TO DEVOTE THE WHOLE FARM PROGRAM TO PRODUCTION OF FEED FOR THE DAIRY HERD. THIS MODERN DAIRY BARN WAS BUILT LAST YEAR. BACK IN 1941 AND 1942 THEY HAD MILKING MACHINES OPERATED BY A GASOLINE ENGINE, THEN IN 1948 THEY CHANGED OVER TO ELECTRICITY WHEN IT CAME TO THEIR FARM AND HAVE GRADUALLY EXPANDED INTO AS MODERN A DAIRY PROGRAM AS I'VE EVER SEEN. AT ONE TIME IN THE EARLY DAYS MR AND MRS. J.S. TURNAGE, MILKED AS MANY AS 20 COWS BY HAND NIGHT AND MORNING. WHEN SON HAROLD TURNAGE CAME OUT OF SERVICE IN 1946 THEY WERE MILKING 25 COWS. TODAY THEY ARE MILKING 52 HEAD TWICE A DAY, BUT MILKING TIME TODAY IS A FAR CRY FROM WHAT IT WAS WHEN HAROLD TURNAGE CAME HOME FROM SERVICE. IN ADDITION TO THE 52 MILK COWS THEY HAVE 5 DRY COWS AND 32 HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. THE HERD IS TB AND RANGS TESTED AND A SPRAY PROGRAM AND THE

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SLIDE FARM-6
COWS IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-7
FEED HOPPER

SLIDE FARM-8
FEED SUPPLY

SLIDE FARM-9
PROCESSING ROOM

USE OF BACKRUBS CONTROL PARASITES. J.S. TURNAG
AND SON HAROLD HAVE USED ARTIFICIAL BREEDING
EVER SINCE IT WAS STARTED IN MARION COUNTY BACK
IN 1948. THE ENTIRE HERD IS JERSEY AND 14 COWS
AND 6 CALVES ARE REGISTERED. MANY OF THE
ANIMALS ARE SUBJECT TO REGISTER BUT PAPERS HAVE
NOT BEEN KEPT UP. AT MILKING TIME THE COWS GO
INTO THE BARN THROUGH THE DOOR IN THE BACKGROUND
THEY GO IN FOUR AT A TIME AND GO FIRST INTO A
PREPERATION AREA. IN THIS AREA THEY ARE FED
AND PREPARED FOR MILKING, BY A THOROUGH
CLEANING AND DISINFECTING OF LEGS, FLANKS AND
UDDERS. THEY ARE FED A 16% DAIRY RATION WHICH
IS BOUGHT READY MIXED AND ELEVATED FROM THIS
FEED HOPPER UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR BINS WHERE
IT IS HELD READY TO DROP THROUGH TUNNELS TO
WHERE IT IS TO BE FED. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY
THEN IS TO RAISE THE COVER AT THE END OF THE
TUNNEL AND THE FEED POURS OUT IN THE AMOUNT
DESIRED, RIGHT WHERE IT CAN BE POURED INTO
THE FEEDING TROUGH. WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF THE
FAMILY ARE FEEDING AND CLEANING THE COWS IN
THE PREPERATION ROOM OTHERS ARE ASSEMBLING THE
THREE PORTABLE MILKERS AND THE PIPELINE THAT

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SLIDE FARM 10
WOMAN IN BARN

SLIDE FARM 11
COW BEING MILKED

SLIDE FARM 12
COOLER

WILL CARRY THE MILK FROM THE COW DIRECT TO THE CAN. THE MILKING PARLOR IS A MODERN FOUR COW MILKING PARLOR WHERE ONE PERSON CAN EASILY ATTACH THE MILKERS WITHOUT A LOT OF STOOING AND BENDING BECAUSE THEY DO IT FROM THE PIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RAISED MILKING STALLS. AS I SAID BEFORE, EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WORKS ON THE DAIRY PROGRAM. HAROLD'S MOTHER, MRS. J.S. TURNAGE IS AS HANDY IN THIS MILKING PARLOR AS ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. WHILE THE COWS ARE BEING MILKED THEY ARE AGAIN FED WITH FEED DELIVERED THROUGH TUNNELS IN THIS AREA ALSO. EACH COW IS GIVEN ONE POUND OF FEED FOR EACH THREE AND A HALF POUNDS OF MILK THEY PRODUCE. THE TURNAGE FAMILY HAS BELONGED TO A DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF AND KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS ON EACH COW'S PRODUCTION. THE HERD AVERAGE IS 6,000 POUNDS OF MILK PER COW PER YEAR. THE MILK GOES DIRECTLY FROM THE COW TO THIS MODERN COOLER WHERE THE PIPING ARRANGEMENT FILLS ALL CANS WITHOUT BEING TOUCHED BY HUMAN HANDS. THE MILK IS PICKED UP DAILY AND TAKEN TO THE BORDEN COMPANY IN NEW ORLEANS. VERY FEW COWS HAVE BEEN BOUGHT OVER THE YEARS. THE GROWTH

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SLIDE FARM-13
CALVES

HAS BEEN GRADUAL BUT CONSISTENT BY SAVING ONLY THE BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. MR AND MRS. J.S. TURNAGE AND MR. AND MRS. HAROLD TURNAGE HOPE TO EVENTUALLY BE MILKING 75 HEAD ALL THE TIME. MRS. HAROLD TURNAGE SAYS THEY HAVE THREE GOOD REASONS FOR THEIR DAIRY PROGRAM, AND THEY ARE TEN YEAR OLD JAY RANDOLPH, SIX YEAR OLD BEVERLY AND FOUR YEAR OLD DEBBIE.

SLIDE FARM-14
PASTURE

HAROLD TURNAGE AND HIS FATHER ROTATE THEIR PERMANENT GRAZING AND BREAK UP THE PASTURES EVERY OTHER YEAR. HE SOD SEEDS HIS TEMPORARY

SLIDE FARM-15
GRAZING

GRAZING INTO THE PERMANENT PASTURES ONE YEAR AND FLAT BREAKS THE NEXT. THEY HAVE 15 ACRES IN A KUDZU, CRIMSON CLOVER COMBINATION. THE KUDZU WAS FIRST PLUT IN IN 1944. IT IS BROKEN UP IN THE FALL FOR OATS AND THEN RE-SEEDS AND AND COME UP AGAIN IN THE SPRING. 80 TO 100

SLIDE FARM-16
MILLET

ACRES IS PUT IN OATS EACH YEAR. IT IS GRAZED AND THEN ENOUGH IS COMBINED FOR SEED AND HAY IS CUT FROM SOME...ABOUT 60 TONS OF HAY WHICH IS FED FREE CHOICE THE YEAR ROUND. ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FEEDING PROGRAM IS ~~XXXXXX~~ SUMMER GRAZING WHICH CONSISTS OF 40 ACRES OF MILLET. MILLET IS PLANTED ALL SUMMER LONG UNTIL IT GETS TOO LATE. IT IS GRAZED DOWN

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SLIDE FARM-17
HAY BARN

SLIDE FARM-18
DRYER

SLIDE FARM-19
CORN FIELD

EXCEPT FOR THE SEED THAT IS SAVED FOR NEXT YEAR'S PLANTING. ALL SOIL IS TESTED AND FERTILIZED ACCORDING TO OR A LITTLE MORE THAN RECOMMENDATIONS. THE TURNAGE'S ARE TRYING TO GET ALL STEEP HILLSIDES INTO GRASS. WHEN THE HAY IS CUT IT IS PUT UP LOOSE IN THIS MODERN HAY DRYING BARN AND FED DIRECT FROM THE BARN. THE HAY IS DRIED WITH A MODERN BARN DRYER.

OPERATED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR. THE HAY IS DRIED WITH FORCED AIR AND HAROLD TURNAGE AND HIS FATHER PUT UP ABOUT 60 TONS A YEAR. THE BARN WAS BUILT IN 1952 AND CATTLE HAVE ACCESS TO HAY THE YEAR AROUND. THIS YEAR HAROLD TURNAGE HAS CORN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1948 AND WILL PUT IT UP IN THE UPRIGHT SILO FOR SILAGE THIS FALL. SILAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE TURNAGE DAIRY PROGRAM. OAT SILAGE IS PUT UP IN THE SPRING AND CORN SILAGE WILL BE PUT UP THIS FALL. THE COWS GET SILAGE NIGHT AND MORNING SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR. HAROLD HAS BEEN USING MILLET FOR FALL SILAGE BUT IS TRYING CORN SILAGE THIS YEAR. THE UPRIGHT SILO WAS BUILT IN 1954 AND HOLD 175 TONS. A CONVEYER IN THE SILAGE FEEDING TROUGH ELIMINATES MUCH OF THE HANDLING AND ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS TO THROW IT DOWN

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SLIDE <u>FARM-20</u> WATER TANK	FROM THE SILO. THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE DAIRY HERD IS SUPPLIED AT THE BARN BY AN ARTESIAN WELL PIPED TO THIS WATER TANK. A STOCK POND IN THE PASTURE ALSO SUPPLIES WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK. MR. J.S. AND HAROLD TURNAGE ARE COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMERS. THEY HAVE TWO TRACTORS, A FORAGE HARVESTER, COMBINE AND HAY BALER AND ALL NECESSARY ROW CROP EQUIPMENT. THEY DO SOME CUSTOM WORK ON FORAGE HARVESTING, COMBINING AND HAY BALING. IN 1954 HAROLD AND HIS FATHER BUILT THIS FINE MACHINE SHED TO PROTECT THEIR VALUABLE EQUIPMENT FROM THE WEATHER. A STORM BLEW THE OLD ONE DOWN AND THEY REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF RAPIDLY REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ONE. HAROLD TURNAGE AND HIS FATHER HAVE 120 ACRES IN PINE AND OAK TIMBER WHICH THEY PROTECT FROM FIRE, THIN AND WEED AND SELECTIVELY HARVEST. THEY BUILT MOST OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE FARM FROM THEIR TIMBER AND CUT ABOUT HALF THE POSTS THEY NEED. THE FARM IS FENCED AND CROSS FENCED. HAROLD'S MOTHER DOES MOST OF THE CARING FOR THEIR ONE HALF ACRE GARDEN. SINCE THE WHOLE FAMILY IS SO INVOLVED IN THE DAIRY PROGRAM THEY RAISE ONLY THE FOOD THEY CAN EAT FROM THE GARDEN AS NO ONE HAS TIME
SLIDE <u>FARM-21</u> MACHINE SHED	
SLIDE <u>FARM-22</u> TIMBER	
SLIDE <u>FARM-23</u> GARDEN	

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SLIDE FARM-24
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-25
SEWING MACHINE

SLIDE FARM-26
MAN FISHING

CAMERA ON FAMILY

TO DEVOTE TO FOOD PRESERVATION. BOTH MRS. TURNAGES HAVE COMPLETELY MODERN KITCHENS AND WHEN THEY AREN'T BUSY IN THE DAIRY BARN SPEND MUCH OF THE REST OF THEIR TIME IN THEM. THIS IS MRS. HAROLD TURNAGE IN HER KITCHEN. MRS. HAROLD ALSO SEWS FOR HER FAMILY IN HER SPARE TIME AND MAKES MANY OF THE CLOTHES THE CHILDREN NEED. MR. J.S. TURNAGE, WHILE VERY ACTIVE YET IN THE OPERATION OF THIS FINE DAIRY ENTERPRISE, LIKES TO SLIP AWAY TO THE POND FOR FISHING AND RELAXATION AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. AND IF YOU DON'T FIND HIM AROUND THE DAIRY BARN YOU CAN USUALLY SPOT HIM ON THE BANK WITH HIS FLY ROD. BOTH TURNAGE FAMILIES BELONG TO THE KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE MR. J.S. TURNAGE IS A DEACON AND MRS. J.S. TURNAGE IS ACTIVE IN THE WOMEN'S WORK OF HER CHURCH. MRS. HAROLD TURNAGE IS A MEMBER OF THE KOKOMO HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB AND SERVES AS 4-H CLUB ADVISOR FOR THE CLUB. EITHER MR. J.S. TURNAGE OR HAROLD HAVE BEEN A DIRECTOR IN THE MARION COUNTY ARTIFICIAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION EVER SINCE IT WAS ORGANIZED. THOSE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS FINE FARM FAMILY STORY, NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET THE FAMILY AND HEAR SOME MORE OF IT FROM THEM.